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the MYSTERY OF MADCAP ISLAND



GREAT SCOTT!
THIS CRAZY ISLAND'S
FIRE ENGINE-- A GIANT
WATER PISTOL!

WHOEVER'S IN
THE FIRE ENGINE
IS TRYING TO KNOCK
US OFF THE CLIFF!

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IN GOTHAM CITY, **BATMAN** GRILLS A BUYER OF STOLEN GOODS...

THIS IS PART OF THE LOOT STOLEN BY THE **GREEN HOOD GANG** WHO SOLD IT TO YOU? **TALK!**

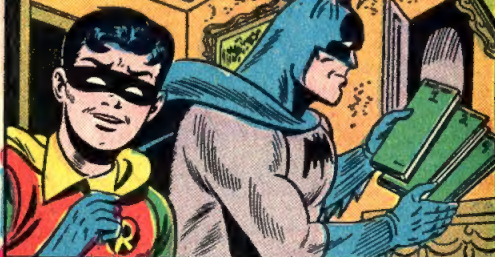
O-O-KAY! I-- I GOT IT FROM ED KILEY!



SHORTLY, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RAID THE APARTMENT OF THE GANGSTER, BUT...

EMPTY! KILEY MUST'VE HAD A TIP THAT WE WERE COMING.

THIS OPEN SAFE--IT HAS ACCOUNT BOOKS--NUMBERED FROM ONE TO FOUR! BUT THE NUMBER THREE LEDGER IS GONE!



UPON EXAMINING THE LEDGERS...

NOTHING MUCH IN THESE LEDGERS! BUT KILEY MUST'VE TAKEN LEDGER NUMBER THREE BECAUSE IT CONTAINS INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE!

IF ONLY WE KNEW WHERE HE WENT...



THEN, UPON SEARCHING THE SAFE, **BATMAN** FINDS A SLIP OF PAPER UPON WHICH IS A STRANGE DRAWING...

AN **ARK**-- LIKE **NOAH'S ARK**-- WITH AN **X** NEXT TO IT-- AND A SQUIGGLY LINE BELOW! WHAT'S IT MEAN?



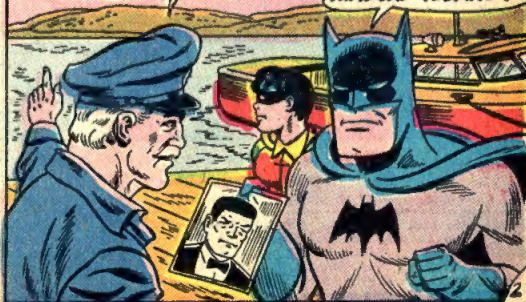
C'MON, **ROBIN**, I'VE GOT A HUNCH!

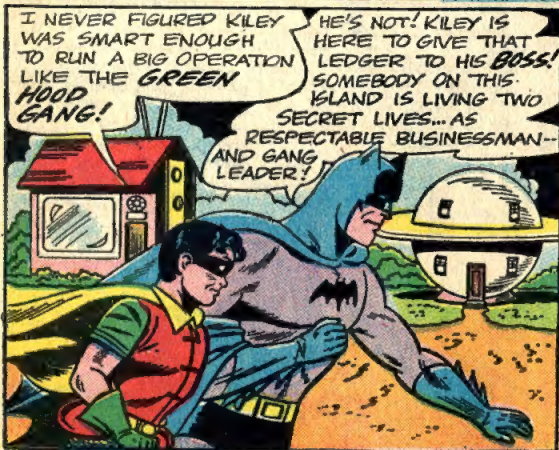
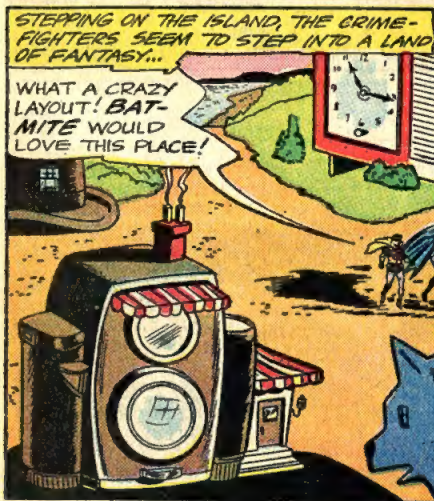
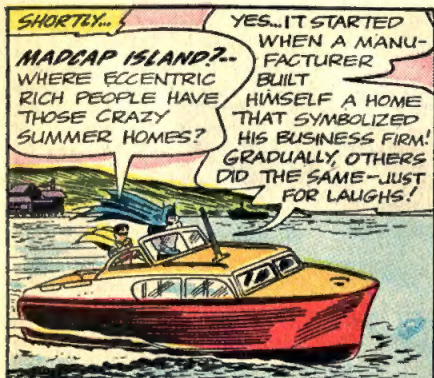


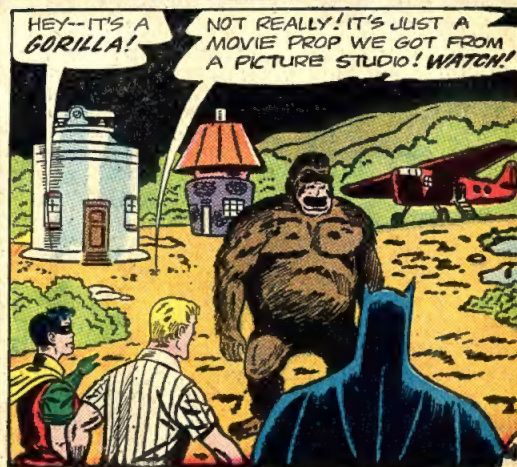
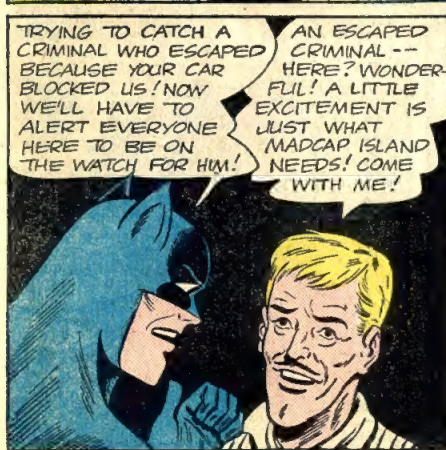
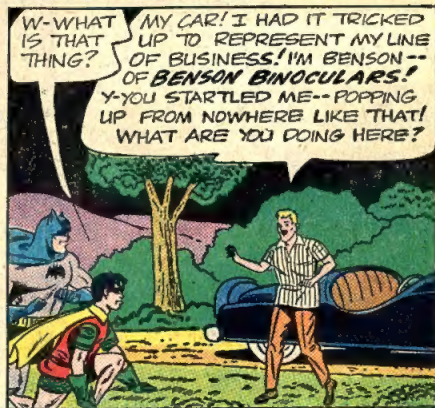
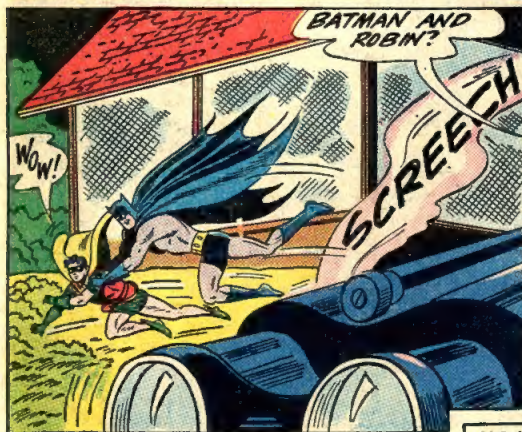
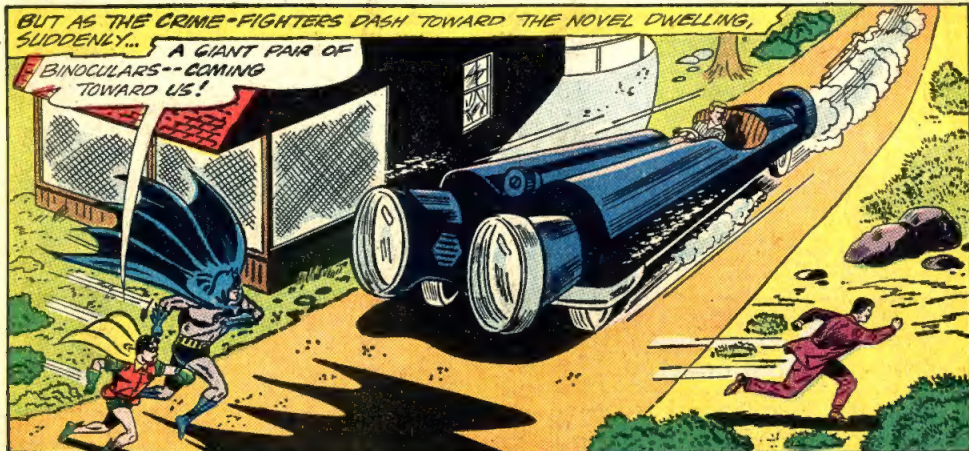
SOON, AT A WATERFRONT BOAT DOCK...

SURE, **BATMAN**-- I SAW HIM! HE RENTED A MOTOR LAUNCH FROM ME JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO!

THEN MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT! HE'S GONE TO **MADCAP ISLAND!**

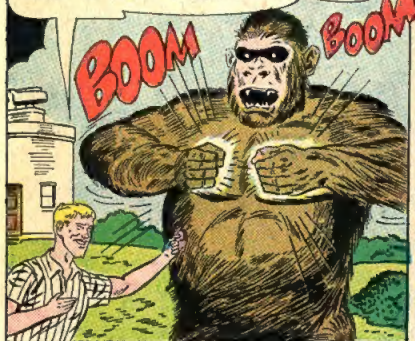






AS BENSON PRESSES A BUTTON ON THE PROP GORILLA...

WHEN THE GORILLA DRUMS ON ITS CHEST, THE SOUND CAN BE HEARD ALL OVER THE ISLAND! THIS IS OUR "ALARM"!



SHORTLY, AFTER MADCAP ISLAND'S RESIDENTS GATHER...

...AND REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE THE MAN ON THIS PHOTOGRAPH, REPORT TO ME AT ONCE!

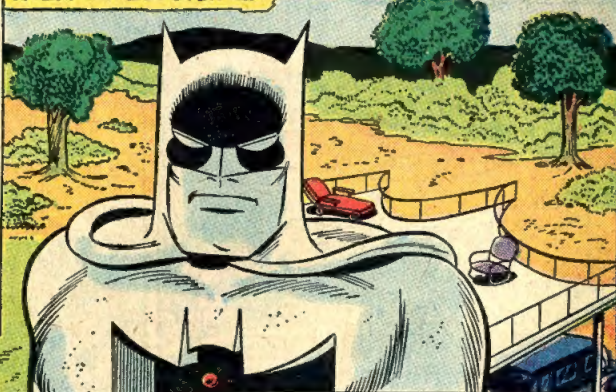
OH BOY! THIS SOUNDS LIKE FUN!



BATMAN, I'M JASON REID-- DISHWARE MANUFACTURER! I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU! I WANT YOU TO SEE SOMETHING!



NOT FAR AWAY, REID LEADS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS TO AN UNEXPECTED SIGHT...

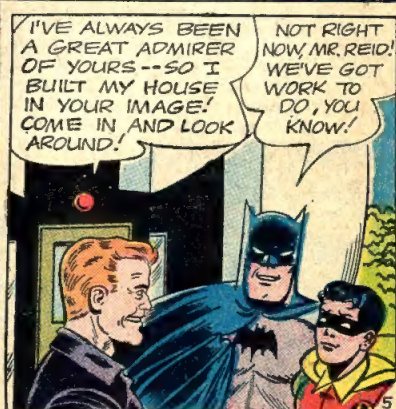
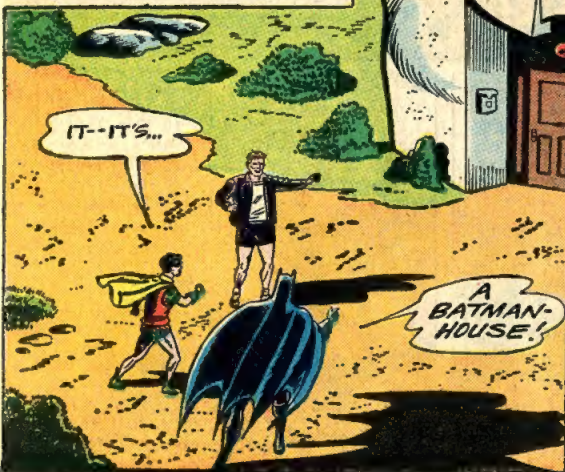


IT-IT'S...

A BATMAN-HOUSE!

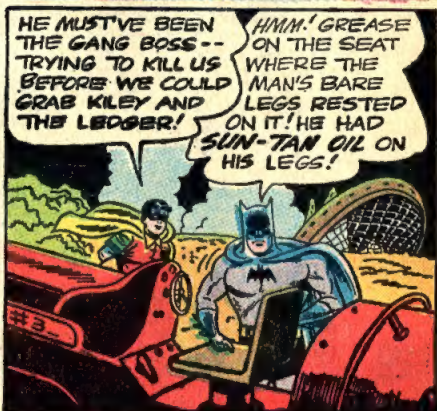
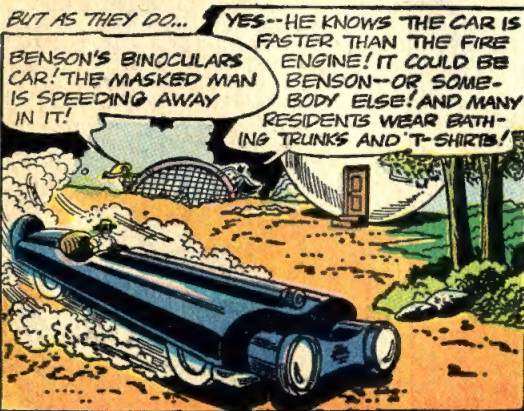
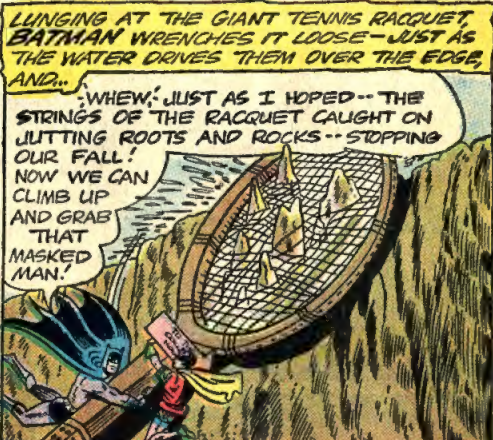
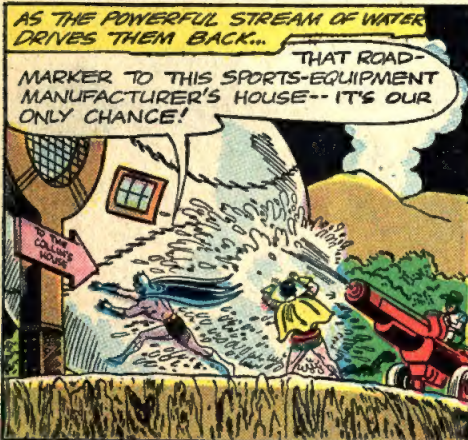
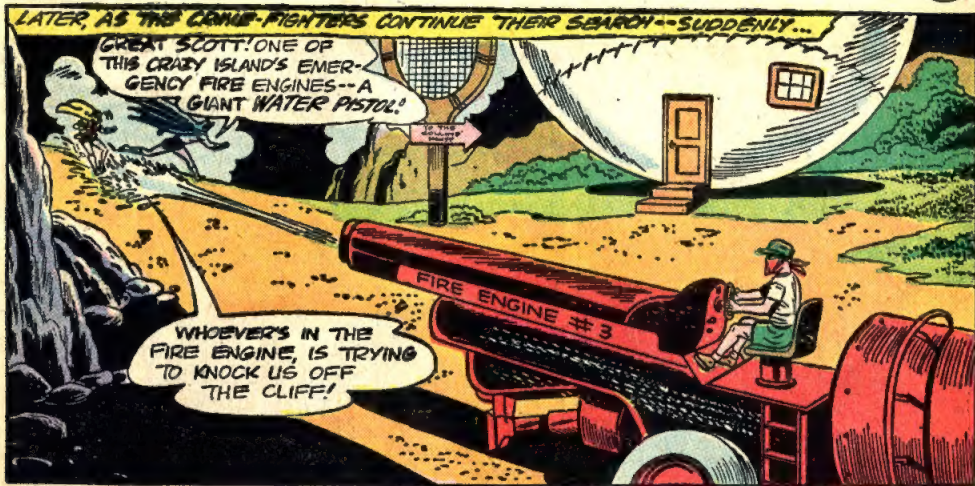
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT ADMIRER OF YOURS--SO I BUILT MY HOUSE IN YOUR IMAGE! COME IN AND LOOK AROUND!

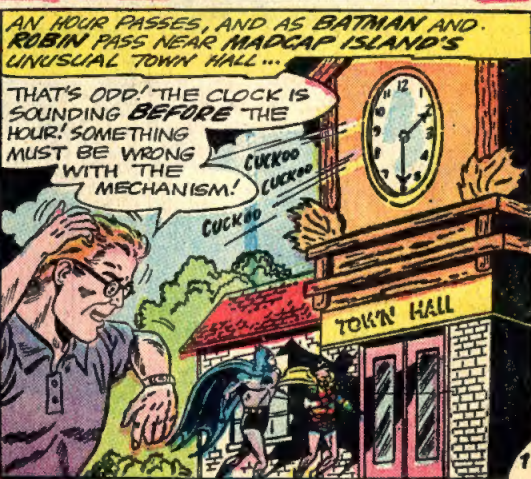
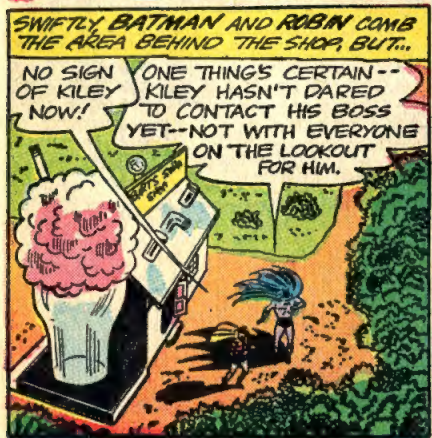
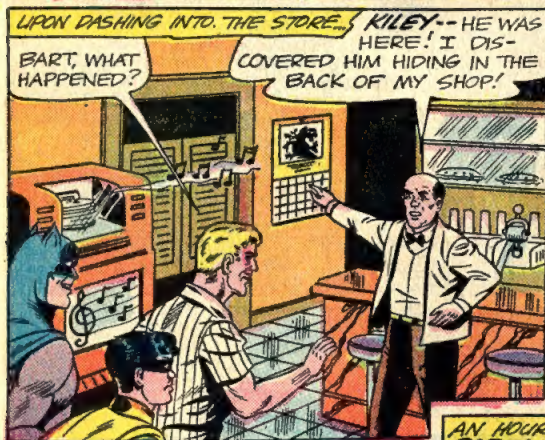
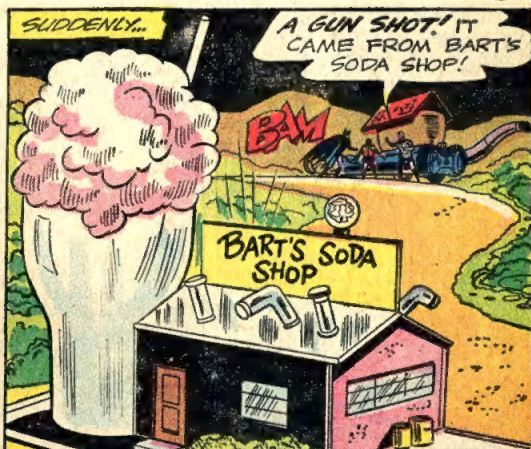
NOT RIGHT NOW MR. REID! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO, YOU KNOW!

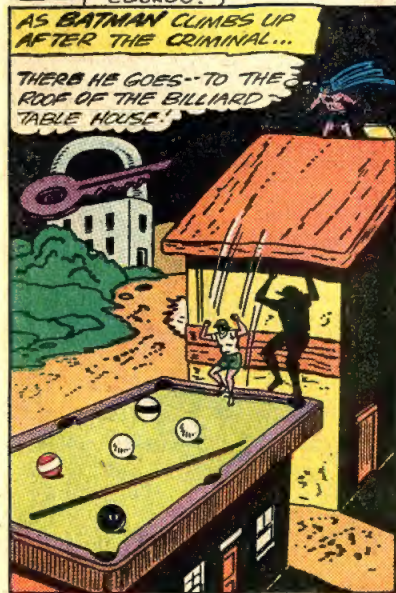
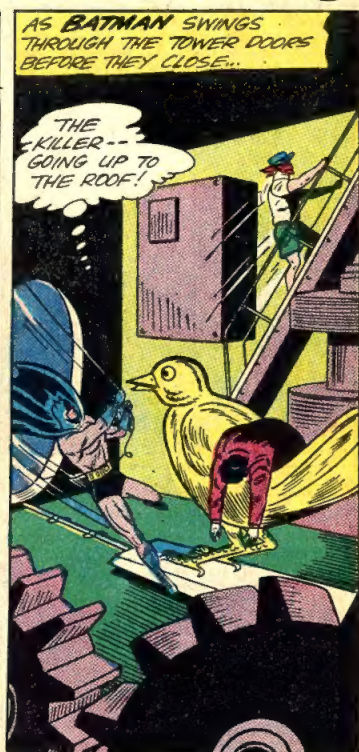




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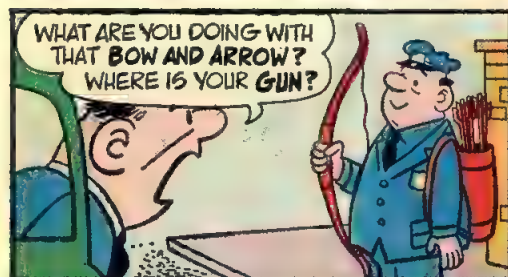
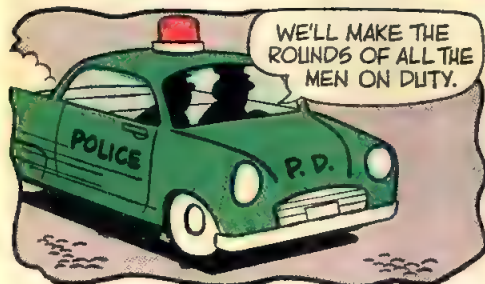
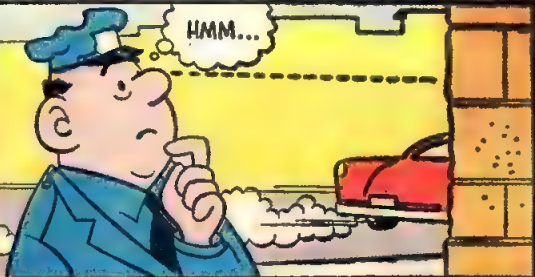




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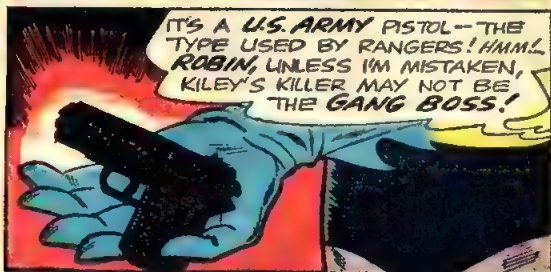
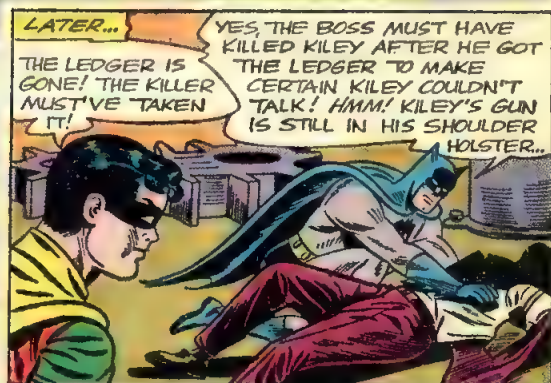
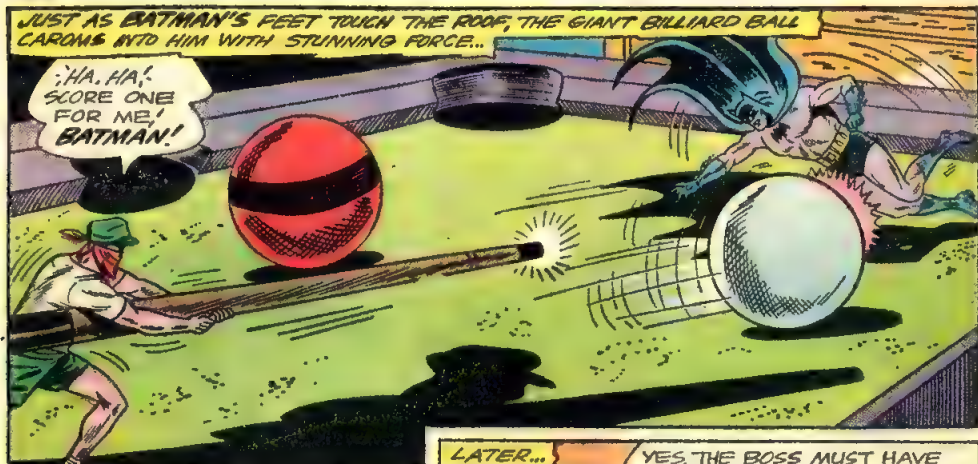
IF YOU WANT TO GET IN THE ACT...JOIN IN THE
EXCITEMENT...OF TELLING US WHICH PAIR YOU'D
PREFER IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS MAGAZINE,
WRITE...

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A
BOOK-LENGTH
SPECTACULAR!



ON SALE OCT. 29th



THAT NIGHT, A FURTIVE FIGURE
MOVES ABOUT WARKY...



SHORTLY, THE FIGURE ENTERS A HOUSE AND IN AN
UPSTAIRS STUDY, STANDS REVEALED AS...

BART! YOU'VE
GOT THE
LEDGER!
YOU KILLED
KILEY!

YEAH! WHEN I DISCOVERED
KILEY HIDING IN MY SHOP, WE
STRUGGLED! HIS GUN SHOT
MISSED ME! I KNOCKED HIM
OUT AND HE DROPPED THE
LEDGER! WHEN I SAW YOUR NAME
IN IT, I THOUGHT FAST! I HID KILEY'S
BODY IN MY SHOP,
AND LIED TO
BATMAN!



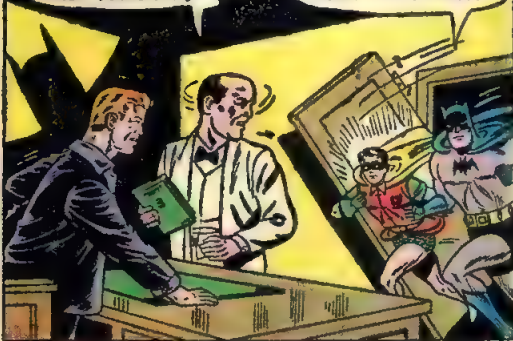
THEN YOU KILLED
KILEY, AND SNEAKED
HIS BODY TO THE
CLOCK, FAR AWAY
FROM YOUR SHOP SO
BATMAN WOULDN'T
SUSPECT YOU!

YEAH! I
FIGURED ON
SELLING YOU
THE LEDGER
AFTER BATMAN
LEFT THE
ISLAND! BUT NOW
HE'S GETTING TOO
CLOSE TO THE TRUTH!



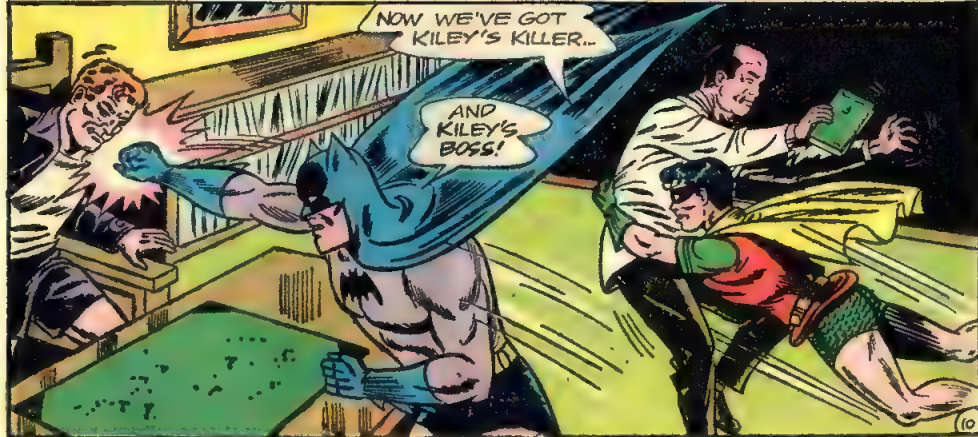
I NEED GETAWAY
MONEY--AND YOU'LL
PAY PLENTY FOR
THIS... HUH?... BATMAN
AND ROBIN!

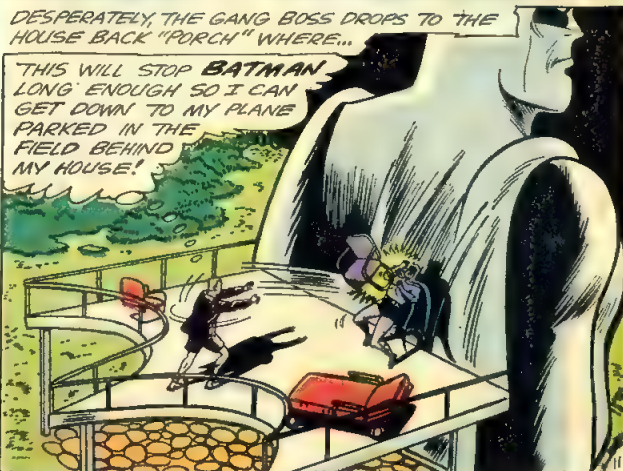
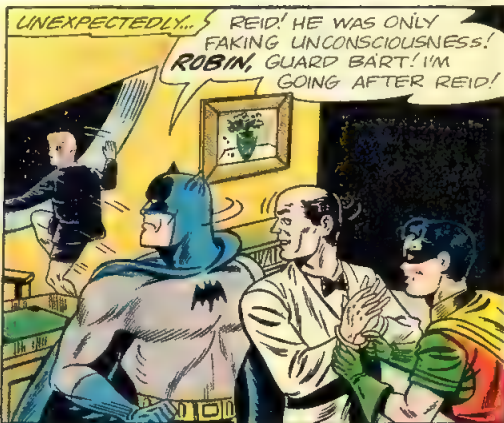
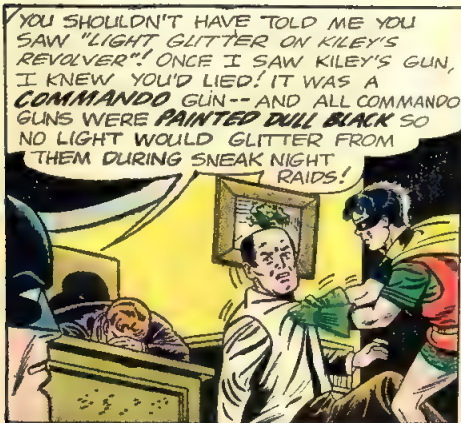
THANKS FOR LEAD-
ING ME HERE,
BART! WE'VE
HEARD ALL WE
NEED TO KNOW!



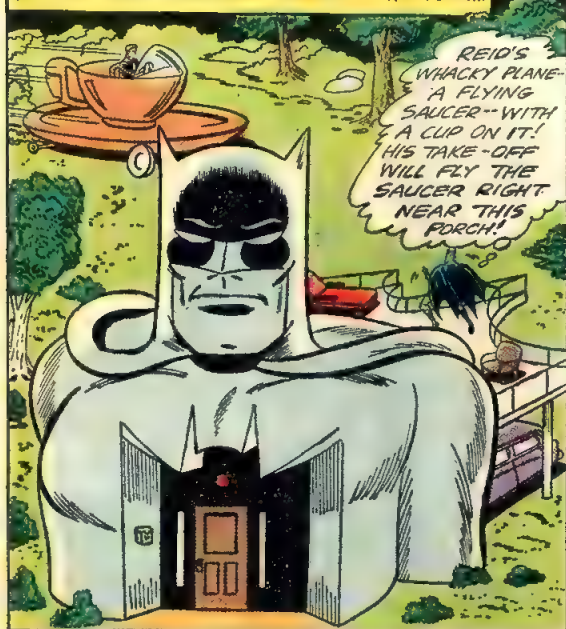
NOW WE'VE GOT
KILEY'S KILLER...

AND
KILEY'S
BOSS!

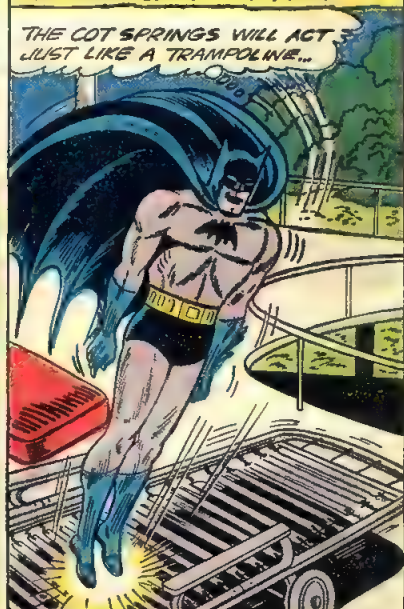




BY THE TIME BATMAN GETS TO HIS FEET...



INSTANTLY, BATMAN WHIPS THE MATTRESS OFF A COT AND...



A MOMENT LATER...

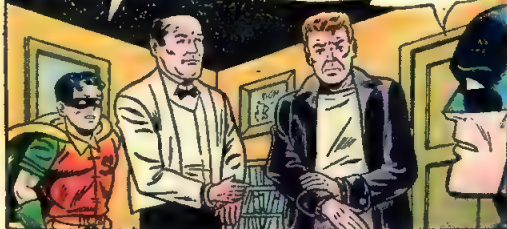


LATER... YOUR PLAN WORKED, **BATMAN!** ONCE YOU SHOWED THE DIME TO THE TOWN GOSSIP AND SAID THAT YOU'D FOUND IT INSIDE THE CLOCK, YOU KNEW THE NEWS WOULD GET AROUND TO BART!

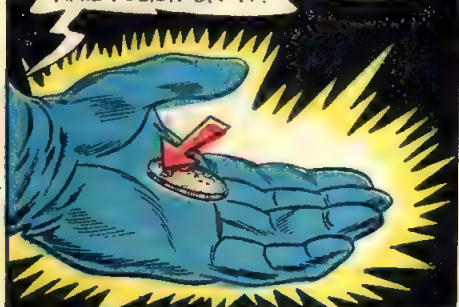
YES—I TOLD THE TOWN GOSSIP THAT THE DIME MUST'VE BEEN DROPPED BY THE KILLER—AND THAT IT WAS A CLUE I'D FIGURE OUT SOONER OR LATER!

BART, I KNEW YOU'D PANIC AND CONTACT THE GANG BOSS FOR QUICK GETAWAY MONEY! BUT YOU NEVER DROPPED THAT COIN! I TRICKED YOU WITH A DIME I FIXED MYSELF WITH A LITTLE RED NAIL POLISH!

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND...?



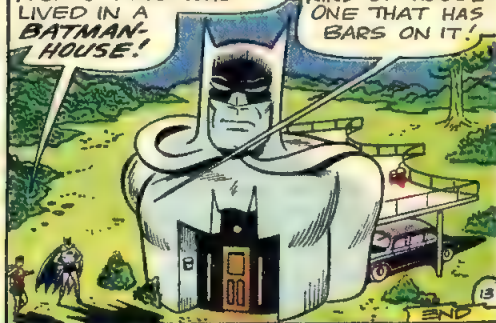
IF A SHOP-KEEPER WANTS TO START HIS JUKE BOX PLAYING, HE USES WHAT IS CALLED A "HOUSE COIN"! WHEN THE JUKE BOX IS EMPTIED, HE RETRIEVES HIS OWN COIN BECAUSE IT HAS AN IDENTIFYING MARK--A DOT OF RED NAIL POLISH ON IT!



LATER AFTER THE CRIMINALS ARE JAILED...

REID WAS PRETTY CUNNING! HE FIGURED NOBODY WOULD EVER SUSPECT A GANG BOSS WHO LIVED IN A **BATMAN-HOUSE!**

YES, AND NOW HE'LL LIVE IN ANOTHER KIND OF HOUSE--ONE THAT HAS BARS ON IT!



HAWK-A-A-A!

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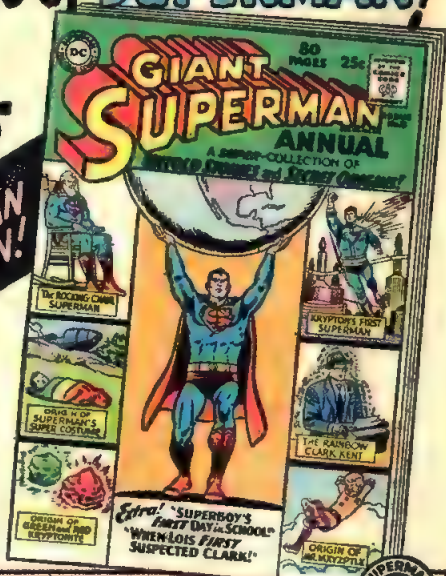
**RED and
GREEN
KRYPTONITE!**

The
**SUPERMAN
of KRYPTON!**

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ON SALE EVERYWHERE... NOV. 14th



Dear Editor: Your July DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 317, was another masterpiece. The cover story, "Secrets of the Flying Bat-Cave," was great. The art seemed particularly good. I appreciated and liked the part Rookie Joe Arno had in the story. He just didn't sit around like a lot of people in some stories, but led himself and Batman into a lot of action (which a story has to have to be a hit with me). The John Jones story was good, too. I like all Man-hunter stories, and this one was no exception. BATMAN No. 157 was another great issue. I don't know which story I liked better. The cover story with Mirror Man was great—I like Mirror Man almost as much as the Joker and Penguin. The second story was good, but I don't think the Jackal was worthy of the title, "Villain of the Year." I hope you keep stories like these coming.

Ray Cardinal, Oak Lawn, Ill.

Dear Editor: In BATMAN No. 157, "Villain of the Year" was terrific. I have heard of a man with two identities such as Bruce Wayne and Batman, and Clark Kent and Superman, but in this story you have a man with three identities! "The Hunt for Batman's Identity" was especially good. I have never seen Mirror Man before, and now that I have, I think he's terrific. That trick with Alfred was smart thinking.

Louis Gilio, Whitestoné, N. Y.

Dear Editor: I have just finished reading the Aug. issue of DETECTIVE COMICS. Could you tell me how Cat-Man escaped the underground rapids? Are there going to be more issues with Cat-Man? By the way, I thought Batwoman knew who Batman was; and I didn't know Batwoman had a trophy room. Keep up the marvelous work.

Jimmy Gray, El Paso, Texas

(Previous stories have established that Batwoman doesn't know Batman's real life identity; also, Batwoman has a trophy room in her underground headquarters. As for Cat-Man, yes, we intend to have him back soon. He escaped the rapids in the first story, and he will have to escape the boat explosion in the Aug. issue in order to appear again. There's a hint that he has nine lives like a cat—and the answer to the mystery will be found in "The Strange Lives of Cat-Man," coming up in the Mar. issue.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I just loved your Aug. WORLD'S FINEST, No. 135. Please have more of those super-length stories. The Superman-Batman story was excellent, and the Aquaman story was very good, too.

Gary Joel Harris, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Editor: In WORLD'S FINEST No. 135, panel 3, you colored Superman's costume green! I am sorry to complain, but I needed an excuse to compli-

ment you on your fine story, "Menace of the Future Man."

Jim Gartland, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
(Quite a few readers wrote in about this color mistake, and about another more serious one at the end of the story, showing the robots in full color when they were supposed to have the color drained out of them. We often have no control over mistakes like these that occur in the color engraving of the magazines.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: The latest BATMAN ANNUAL, No. 5, was the greatest. My favorites were "Rip Van Batman" and "Phantom Batman." In Aug. WORLD'S FINEST, "Menace of the Future Man" was about the best Superman-Batman team-up I have ever read. In BATMAN, "The Hunt for Batman's Identity" was the second Batman story with an old villain. "Return of the Penguin" was the first. Could you give me a wrap-up of the coming Batman stories?

Steve Joseph Sullivan, Oklahoma City, Okla.
(Another old villain is coming back in the Feb. BATMAN, "New Crimes of the Mad Hatter," together with a sensational Bat-Mite story, "The Bat-Mite Hero." The current Dec. WORLD'S FINEST has another super-length adventure which we think is even more sensational than the "Future Man" story, and another expanded Green Arrow thriller (Aquaman alternates with Green Arrow in every issue). In DETECTIVE COMICS for Dec., you have a real treat in "The Menace of the Batman Genie," and for the Jan. issue a new villain with amazing gimmicks, "The Zodiac Master."—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I have just read BATMAN ANNUAL No. 5, and I think it was very good. I was thinking for your next Annual why don't you star Batman's family? It would be about Bat-Mite, Batwoman, Bat-Girl, Bat-Hound, Alfred the butler, etc. Do you think I have a good idea?

Peter Pappas, Providence, R. I.
(We must think it's a good idea—because we have such an Annual slated for No. 7. But in the works right now is the next BATMAN ANNUAL, No. 6, on sale about the middle of Nov., which features "Batman and Robin's Most Thrilling Mystery Cases." Another reader, Donald Petrone, of Brockton, Mass. was the first one to anticipate this theme and even suggested some of the stories we had selected. Hats off to Donald, and to you, too, Peter!—Ed.)

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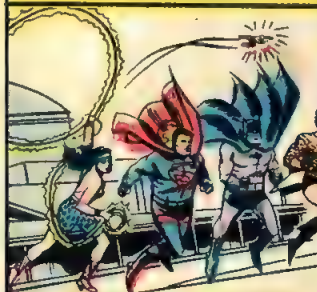
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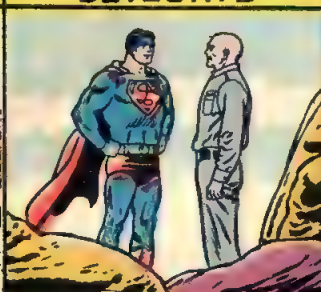
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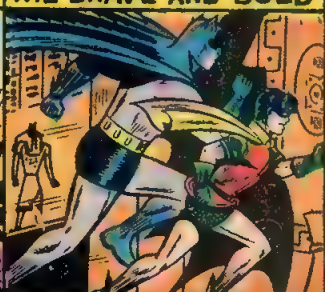
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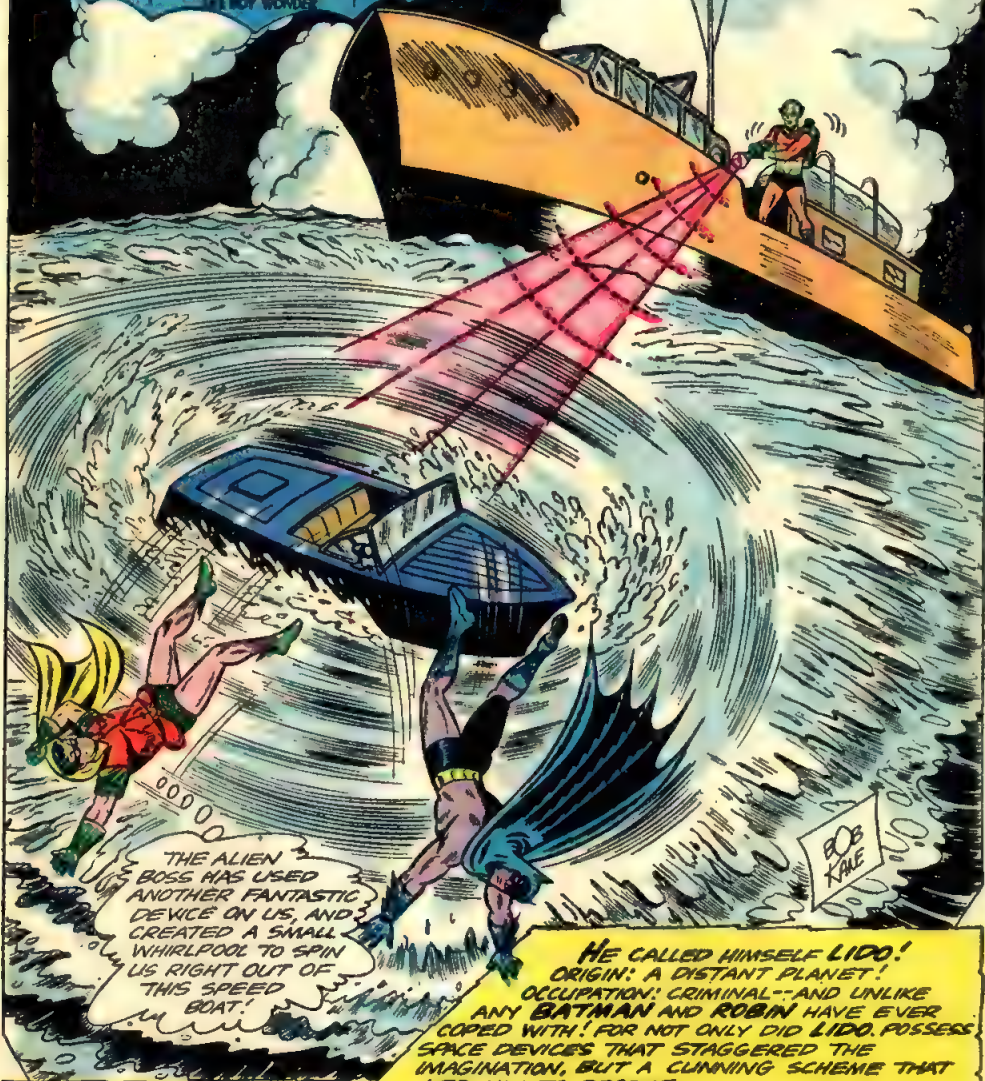


BATMAN



BATMAN

With ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER



THE ALIEN BOSS HAS USED ANOTHER FANTASTIC DEVICE ON US, AND CREATED A SMALL WHIRLPOOL TO SPIN US RIGHT OUT OF THIS SPEED BOAT!

BOB KALE

HE CALLED HIMSELF LIDO!
ORIGIN: A DISTANT PLANET!
OCCUPATION: CRIMINAL--AND UNLIKE ANY BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE EVER COPEd WITH! FOR NOT ONLY DID LIDO POSSESS SPACE DEVICES THAT STAGGERED THE IMAGINATION, BUT A CUNNING SCHEME THAT LED HIM TO BECOME...

the **ALIEN BOSS** of GOTHAM CITY



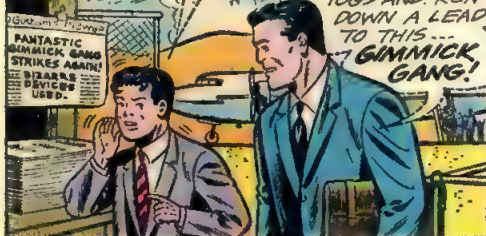
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AT GOTHAM AIRPORT, STARTLED EXPRESSIONS CROSS THE FACES OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON AS...

GOSH, READ THOSE HEADLINES, BRUCE! WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WHILE WE'VE BEEN OUT OF TOWN?

PERHAPS WE'LL FIND THE ANSWER WHEN WE DO OUR CRIME-FIGHTING TOGS AND RUN DOWN A LEAD TO THIS... **GIMMICK GANG!**



AFTER A QUICK COSTUME CHANGE, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE SOON PROWLING GOTHAM STREETS...

FIREMEN BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE HARBOR BLAZE UNDER CONTROL...

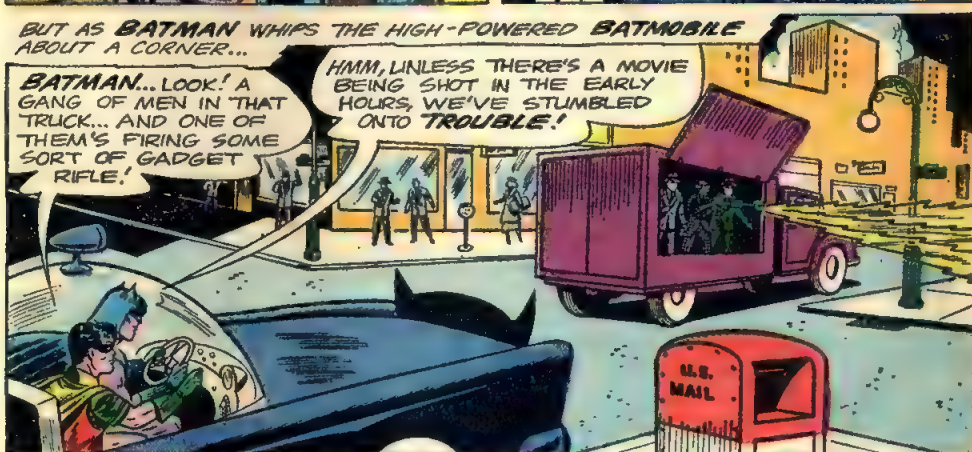
WE'LL POSTPONE OUR HUNT FOR THE GIMMICK GANG AND CHECK THAT DOCK FIRE, **ROBIN!** THEY MAY NEED HELP...



BUT AS BATMAN WHIPS THE HIGH-POWERED BATMOBILE ABOUT A CORNER...

BATMAN...LOOK! A GANG OF MEN IN THAT TRUCK... AND ONE OF THEM'S FIRING SOME SORT OF GADGET RIFLE!

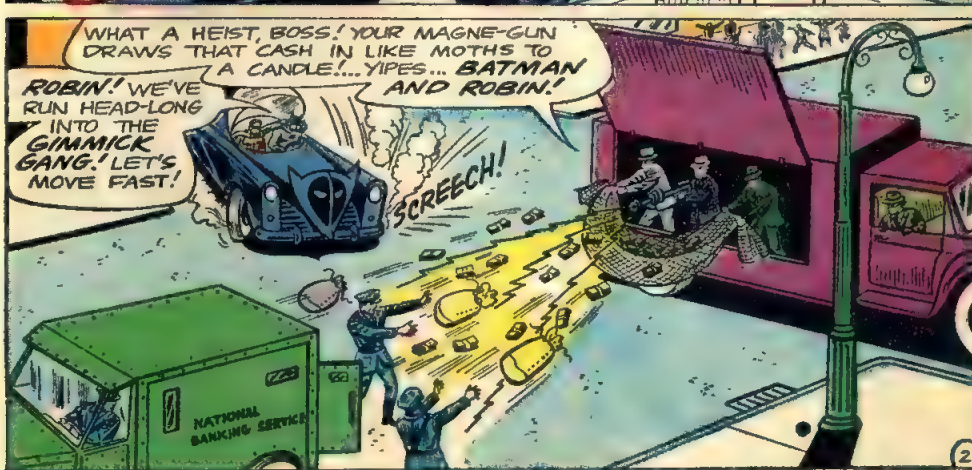
HMM, UNLESS THERE'S A MOVIE BEING SHOT IN THE EARLY HOURS, WE'VE STUMBLERD ONTO TROUBLE!

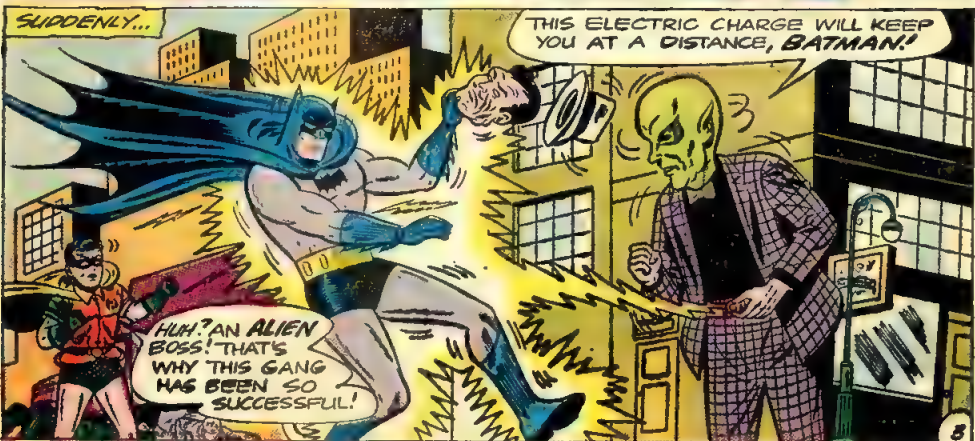
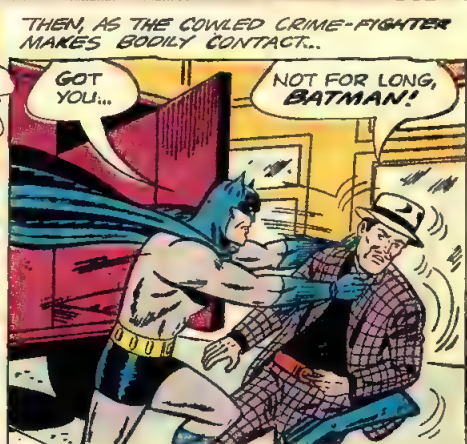
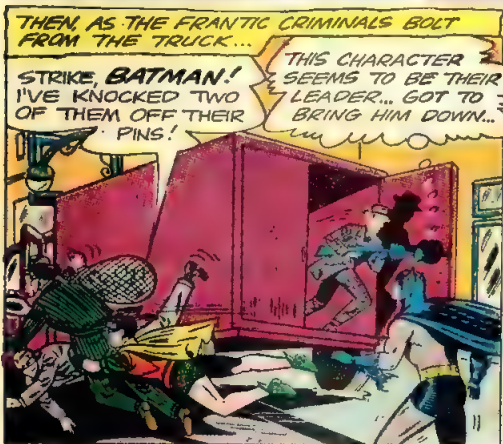
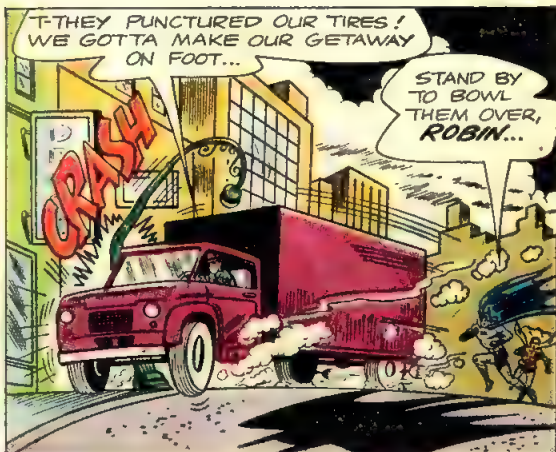
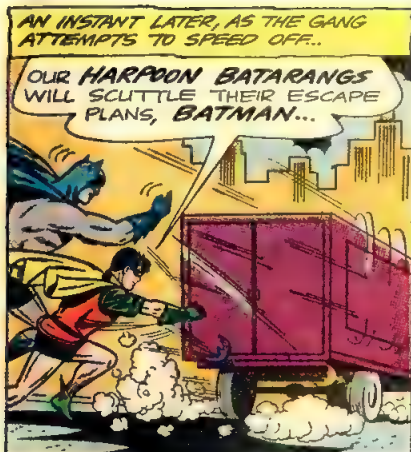


WHAT A HEIST, BOSS! YOUR MAGNE-GUN DRAWS THAT CASH IN LIKE MOTHS TO A CANDLE... YIPES... **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

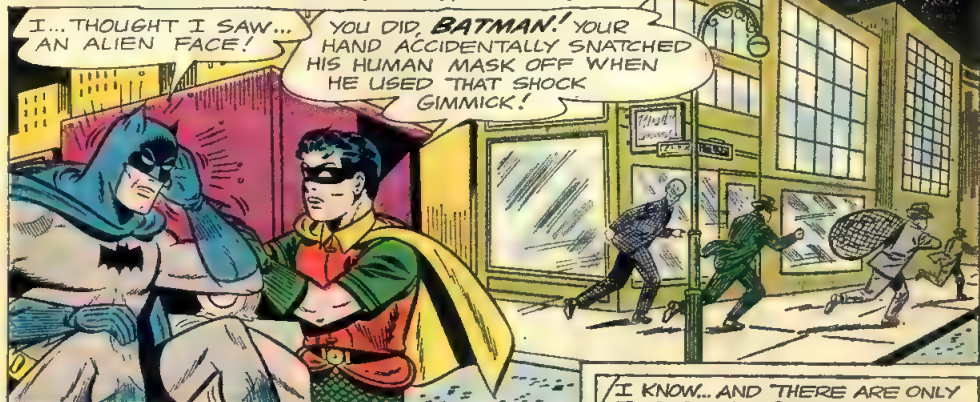
ROBIN! WE'VE RUN HEAD-LONG INTO THE GIMMICK GANG! LET'S MOVE FAST!

SCREECH!





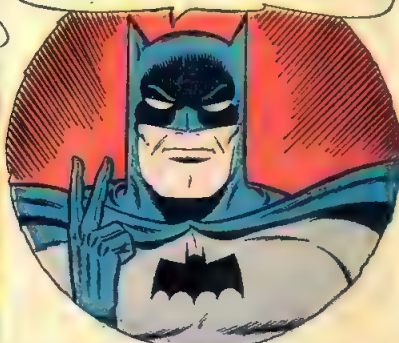
AS **ROBIN** RACES TO HIS DAZED PARTNER'S SIDE...



FINALLY, WHEN **BATMAN** IS NORMAL AGAIN...



I KNOW... AND THERE ARE ONLY TWO GANGS OPERATING IN GOTHAM RIGHT NOW! I'M GOING TO ASK COMMISSIONER GORDON TO CALL THE SUSPECTED LEADERS IN FOR QUESTIONING!



MEANWHILE, JUBILANT HOODS GATHER AT A DOWNTOWN HIDEOUT...



UHP! W-WHERE DID THAT COME FROM? IT'S GOTTA BE A GAG... BUT... BUT **NOBODY** KNOWS THIS HIDEOUT! WHO ARE YOU?



AND JUST HOW DID SUCH A BIZARRE COMBINE OF CRIMINALS COME TO BE? LET US TURN TIME BACK SEVERAL DAYS...



BATMAN



BE STILL, EARTHLINGS! I AM LIDO...
COME FROM ANOTHER PLANET
TO HELP YOU! FOR I TOO AM A
CRIMINAL! COME... FOLLOW ME!

S-SURE... SURE...
LIDO...



THE ALIEN FROM ANOTHER WORLD LED THE
BEMILDERED TRIO TO A REMOTE WOODS OUT-
SIDE OF GOTHAM WHERE...

WHILE ESCAPING THE POLICE
OF MY PLANET JUST A FEW
HOURS AGO, I CRASHED...
HERE!

B-BUT HOW'D
YOU FIND US...
AND WHY?



I CAME UPON THIS DIS-
CARDED NEWSPAPER IN
THE WOODS AND KNEW
YOU WOULD BE MY ALLY!
AS FOR LOCATING YOUR
HABITAT...

I PUT YOUR PICTURE IN
MY PHOTO FINDER!
THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS
THIS SYNCHRONIZED
WITH YOUR **LIVING
SELF** AND TRANSMITTED
A RADIO SIGNAL THAT
LED ME TO YOU!

WOW! WHAT A
GADGET! MY BOYS
COULD DO **BIG
THINGS** WITH
THAT!

PRECISELY! WITH
MY ADVANCED
SPACE DEVICES
AND YOUR KNOW-
LEDGE OF
VALUABLES ON
THIS PLANET,
WE SHALL
BECOME AN
**INVINCIBLE
COMBINE!**

SUSPECTED
GANG BOSS
TOD GARRETT
VISITS NITE CLUBS



AND THIS WAS CREATED THE
INCREDIBLE "GIMMICK
GANG"!

THERE IS NO NEED FOR THESE EARTH CLOTHES NOW THAT MY TRUE IDENTITY IS KNOWN! THIS **BATMAN IS DANGEROUS...** BUT NO MATCH FOR ME!



NEXT MORNING, GARRET AND HIS CRIMINAL RIVAL, BART CULLEN, ARE SUMMONED TO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE WHERE...

ALIEN BOSS? NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM! ASK CULLEN-- HE AND HIS BOYS ARE OUTA THIS WORLD, ANYHOW! HA, HA!

CLAM UP, COMMEDIAN!... LISTEN, COMMISSIONER-- THE ALIEN'S NEWS TO ME...



BUT I WOULDN'T TALK... EVEN IF I DID KNOW SOMETHING!

THAT'S THE ATTITUDE I EXPECTED FROM YOU TWO! ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN LEAVE -- BUT DON'T THINK YOU'RE FOOLING ANYBODY!



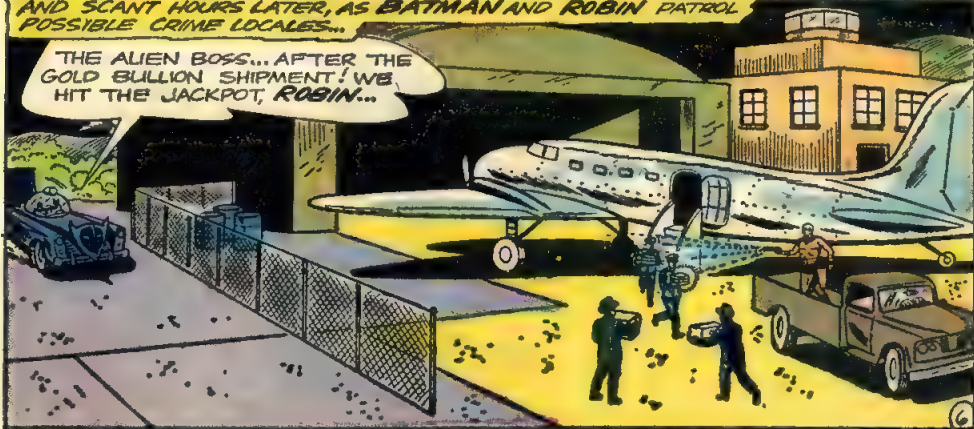
WELL, THOSE RIVAL GANG LEADERS WERE NO HELP! AND WE HAVE NOTHING ON THEM!

DON'T WORRY, **ROBIN!** SOONER OR LATER THE GIMMICK GANG WILL STRIKE AGAIN! AND WE'RE GOING TO BE AROUND WHEN IT DOES!



AND SCANT HOURS LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PATROL POSSIBLE CRIME LOCALES...

THE ALIEN BOSS... AFTER THE GOLD BULLION SHIPMENT! WE HIT THE JACKPOT, **ROBIN...**





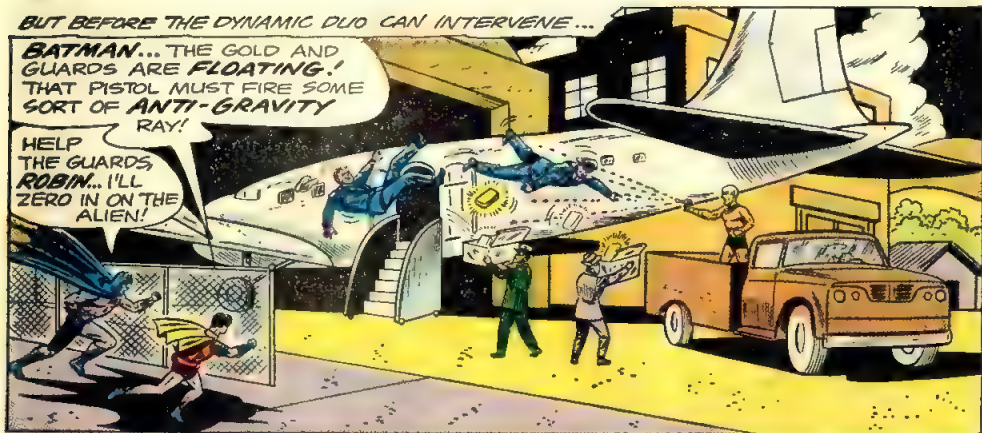
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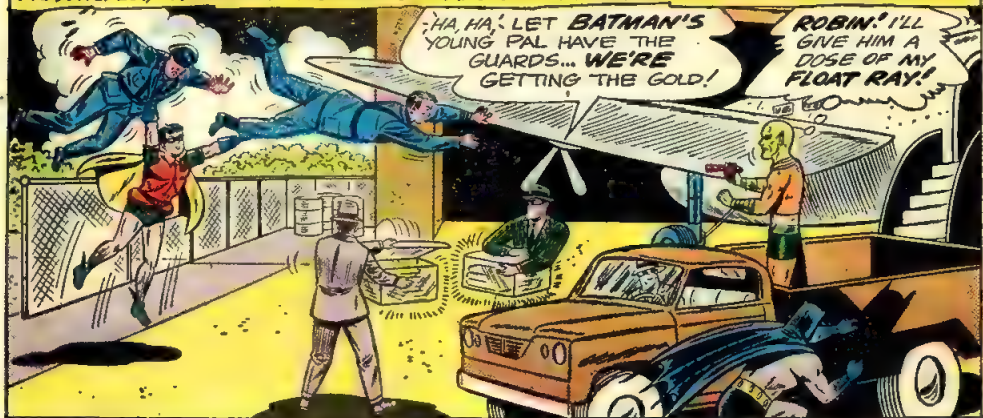
BUT BEFORE THE DYNAMIC DUO CAN INTERVENE...

BATMAN... THE GOLD AND GUARDS ARE **FLOATING!** THAT PISTOL MUST FIRE SOME SORT OF **ANTI-GRAVITY RAY!**

HELP THE GUARDS, **ROBIN...** I'LL ZERO IN ON THE ALIEN!



FRANTICALLY, THE BOY WONDER LEAPS FOR THE TWO FORMS FLOATING IN MID-AIR...



HA, HA, LET **BATMAN'S** YOUNG PAL HAVE THE GUARDS... **WE'RE** GETTING THE GOLD!

ROBIN! I'LL GIVE HIM A DOSE OF MY **FLAT RAY!**

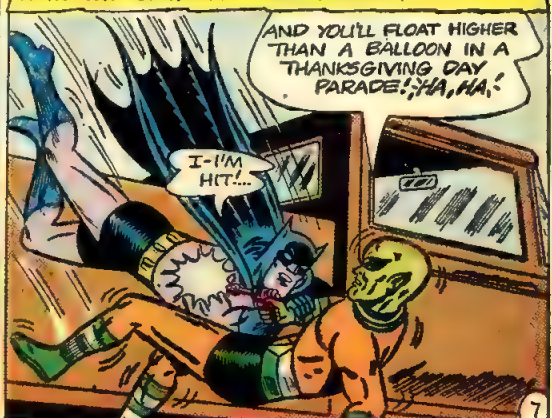
SUDDENLY...

GOT TO MOVE **NOW...** BEFORE HE FIRES AT **ROBIN...**

BATMAN!



BUT AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER COLLIDES WITH THE CRIMINAL FROM SPACE...



AND YOU'LL FLOAT HIGHER THAN A **BALLOON** IN A **THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE!** HA, HA, HA!

I-I'M HIT...

LIKE SOME BIZARRE FANTASY IN OUTER SPACE, BODIES BOBBLE HELPLESSLY IN MID-AIR! THEN... **TRAGEDY** THREATENS...

"HA, HA," YOU'VE REALLY BLOWN **BATMAN SKY-HIGH, BOSS!**

A STRONG GUST OF WIND... IF I DON'T SECURE MYSELF I'LL DROP TO CERTAIN DEATH WHEN THE ANTI-GRAVITY RAY WEARS OFF!



THEN, A DEFT TOSSE BY THE AIR-BORNE **BATMAN!** AND...

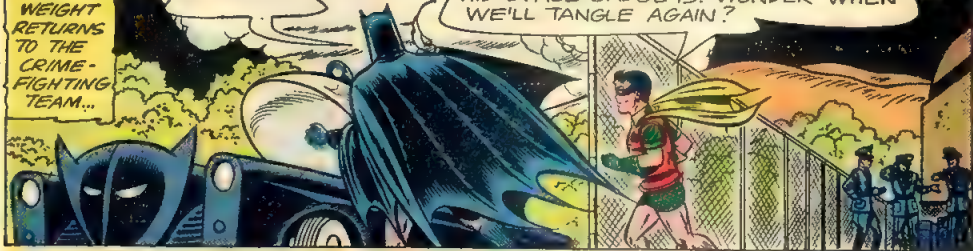
MADE IT... BUT **ROBIN** AND I ARE HELPLESS UNTIL THE RAYS' POWER WEARS OFF...



FINALLY, WHEN NORMAL WEIGHT RETURNS TO THE CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM...

YOU DID A GREAT JOB SAVING THOSE GUARDS, **ROBIN**...

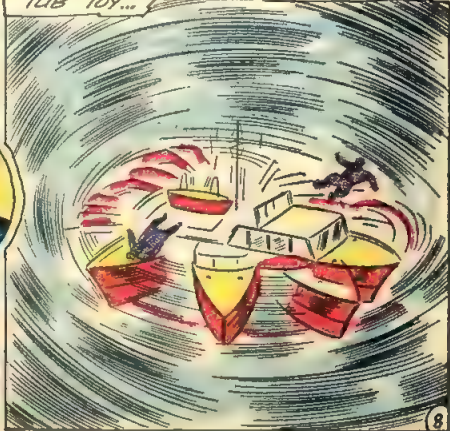
THANKS, **BATMAN!** BUT, GOSH, THAT ALIEN IS SURE RUNNING RINGS AROUND US WITH HIS SPACE GADGETS! WONDER WHEN WE'LL TANGLE AGAIN?

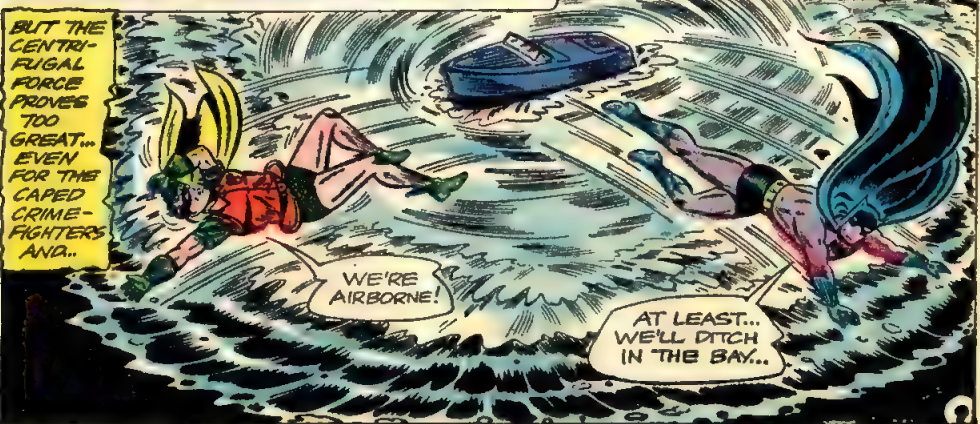
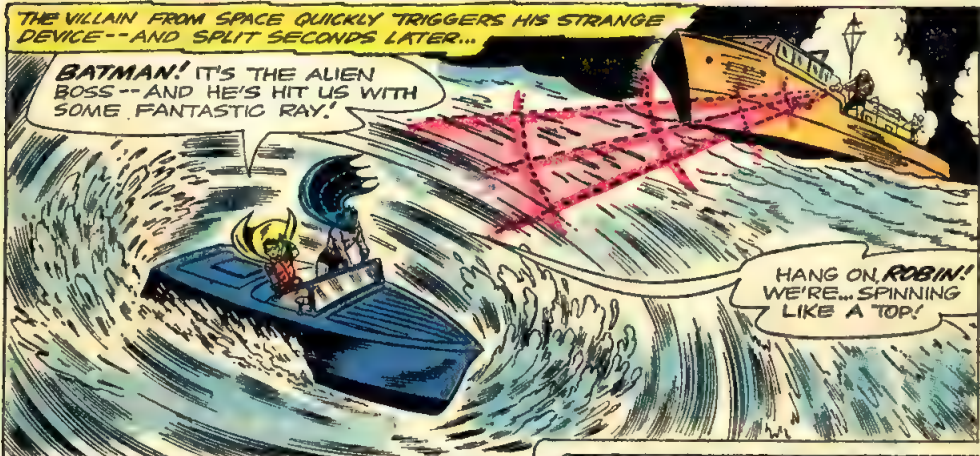
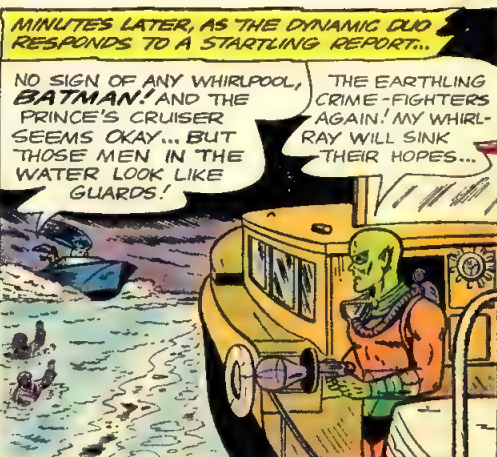
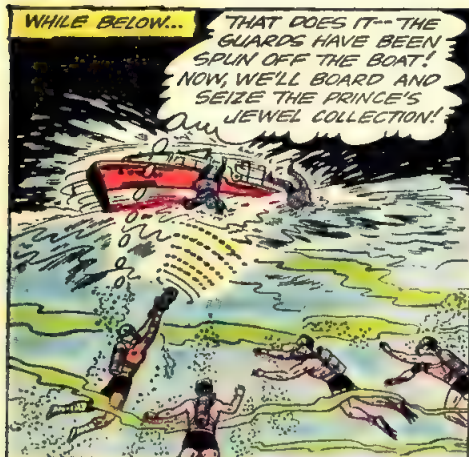


THE NEXT MORNING IN GOTHAM BAY, **ROBIN'S** QUESTION IS ABOUT TO BE ANSWERED IN STARTLING FASHION AS...

FASTER, FASTER SOME MYSTERIOUS FORCE SPINS THE BOAT LIKE A BATH-TUB TOY...

GREAT SCOTT! PRINCE KALI'S ANCHORED CRUISER TWIRLING AS IF CAUGHT IN A WHIRLPOOL... GOT TO CALL SHORE!





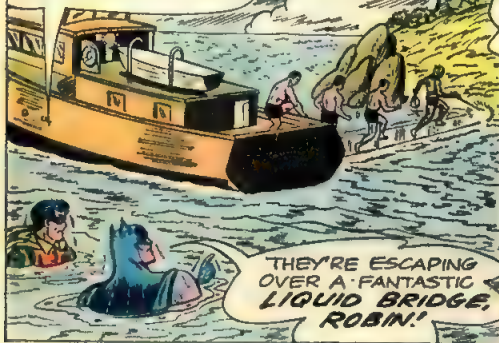


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AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO SURFACES...

B-BATMAN! THE ALIEN'S SPRAYING A LIQUID ON THE WATER AND IT'S SUPPORTING HIM!

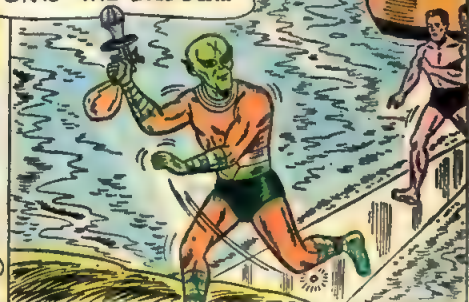


THEY'RE ESCAPING OVER A FANTASTIC LIQUID BRIDGE, ROBIN!

THEN...

THE ALIEN'S ALREADY REACHED SHORE, NO CHANCE OF CAPTURING HIM NOW!

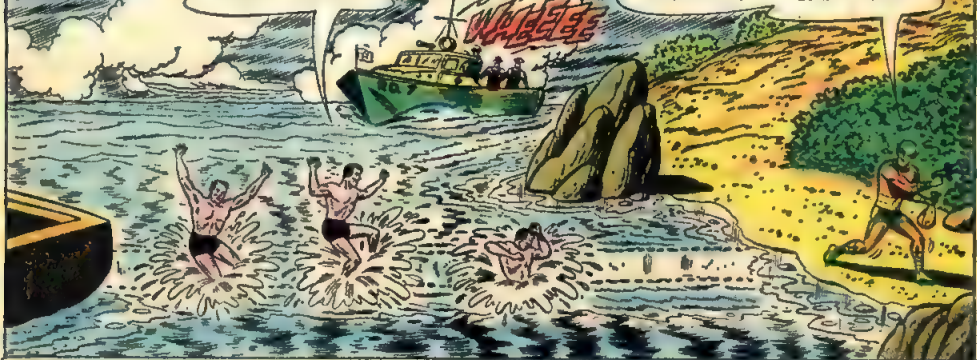
ROBIN! HE JUST TOSSED SOMETHING ONTO THE BRIDGE...



SUDDENLY...

T-THE BRIDGE... IT'S WASHED AWAY! LIDO-COME BACK!

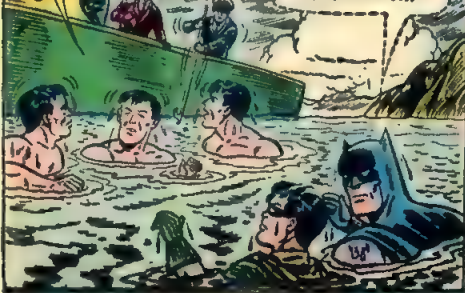
NO...NO! **BATMAN** AND THE POLICE APPROACH-- I CANNOT RISK CAPTURE!



AND AS THE CRIMINAL TRIO FLOUNDERS HELPLESS...

LIDO... HE RAN OUT ON US!

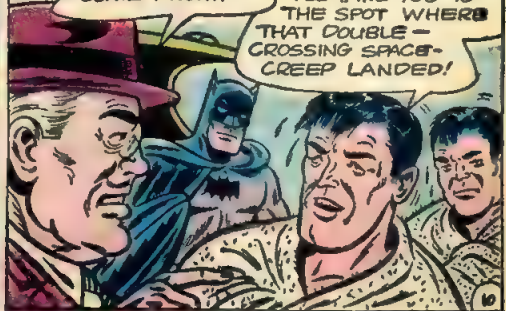
HMM... LIDO DELIBERATELY DESTROYED THAT BRIDGE WITH A STRANGE PELLET TO BRING ABOUT THE GANG'S CAPTURE! I WONDER...



MINUTES LATER, ABOARD THE POLICE LAUNCH...

ALL RIGHT-- WE'VE GOT THE GOODS ON YOU NOW GARET! **TALK!** WHERE DID THAT ALIEN PAL OF YOURS COME FROM?

I'LL DO BETTER THAN THAT, COMMISSIONER-- I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE SPOT WHERE THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING SPACE-CREEP LANDED!





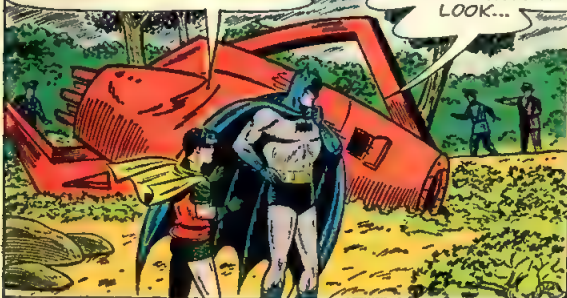
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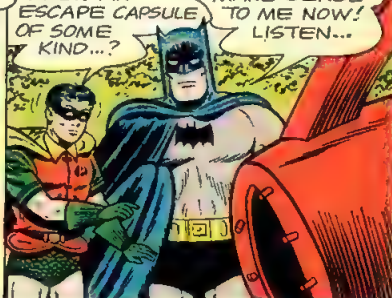
WELL...AT LEAST WE KNOW HOW OUR ALIEN BOSS GOT HERE! AND AFTER HE CRASH-LANDED, HE TOOK ALL HIS EQUIPMENT WITH HIM!

YES...AND NO TRACE OF A CLUE, **ROBIN!** HMM... THERE SEEMS TO BE A SECTION OF THE SHIP MISSING! LOOK...



IT...LOOKS AS IF ANOTHER UNIT OF THE SHIP WAS ATTACHED, **BATMAN!** COULD IT HAVE BEEN AN ESCAPE CAPSULE OF SOME KIND...?

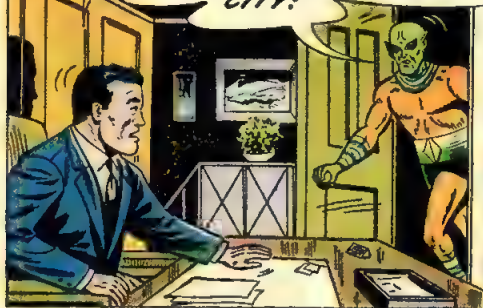
APPARENTLY! AND IF THAT IS TRUE...**ROBIN!** A NUMBER OF THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE TO ME NOW! LISTEN...



THAT NIGHT, AT GANG BOSS CULLEN'S HOME...

H-HUH...? AN ALIEN!

INDEED, EARTHLING--THE SAME ALIEN YOU IMPERSONATED TO BECOME THE **ALIEN BOSS OF GOTHAM CITY!**



WHEN YOU CAME UPON MY SPACESHIP, YOU STOLE MY DEVICES' AND FLED! YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT I WAS NEARBY... WOUNDED AND OBSERVING YOU!

T-THAT'S RIGHT! I WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THE DEVICES IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE THERE AND ALIVE--HONEST!



LIAR! I HAD TO WAIT UNTIL MY WOUNDS HEALED BEFORE I COULD APPROACH YOU! NOW, YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR DECEIT!

PLEASE...WAIT! WE CAN WORK THIS OUT! I'LL TAKE YOU IN AS A PARTNER... SHARE EVERYTHING I MANAGED TO ROB WHILE IMPERSONATING YOU!



SEE... ALL THE LOOT'S HERE! AND HALF OF IT'S YOURS-- JUST COME AND GET IT...



SHORTLY, CULLEN WHIRLS--BUT AS HE DOES SO...

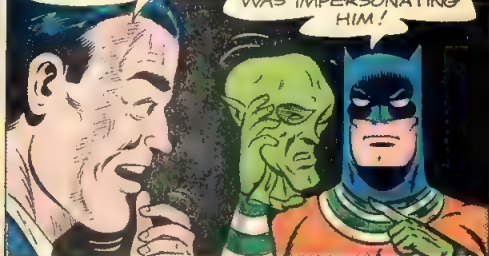
W-WHA...
ROBIN!

AND JUST IN TIME TO STOP
YOU FROM DOUBLE-CROSSING
MY PARTNER, CULLEN! OKAY,
BATMAN!...



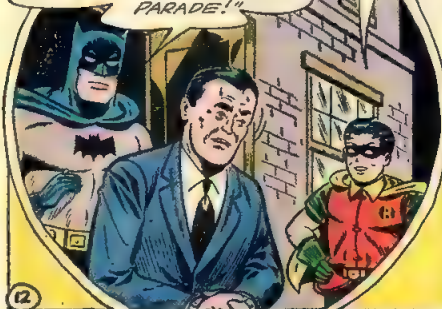
THE ALIEN--
BATMAN IN DIS-
GUISE! I'VE BEEN
TRICKED INTO A
CONFESSION...
REVEALING THE
STASHED LOOT! BUT...
HOW DID YOU GET
ONTO ME?

WHEN I SUSPECTED
THE REAL ALIEN
MIGHT HAVE
ABANDONED THE
SPACESHIP IN AN
ESCAPE CAPSULE
BEFORE IT
REACHED EARTH, I
FIGURED A HUMAN
WAS IMPERSONATING
HIM!



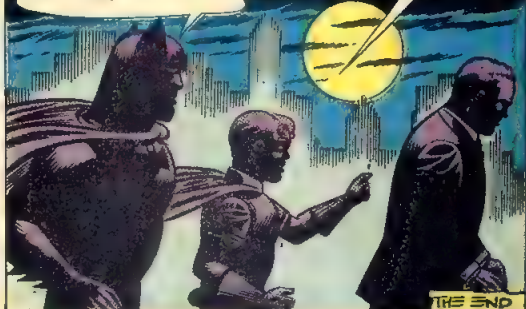
I WAS SURE WHEN
I RECALLED A
REMARK YOU MADE
AT THE AIRPORT
ABOUT US FLOATING
"HIGHER THAN A BALLOON
IN A THANKSGIVING DAY
PARADE!"

NO ONE BUT AN
EARTHMAN
WOULD HAVE
BEEN FAMILIAR
WITH THAT!



AND WHEN I SPOTTED YOU
DELIBERATELY DESTROYING
THAT LIQUID BRIDGE TO
BRING ABOUT THE GARRET
GANG'S CAPTURE, I KNEW
IT HAD TO BE AN ARCH-
ENEMY OF HIS!

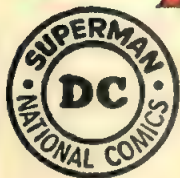
THAT ADDED
UP TO ONE
MAN--**you**,
CULLEN, HIS
CHIEF RIVAL!



THE END



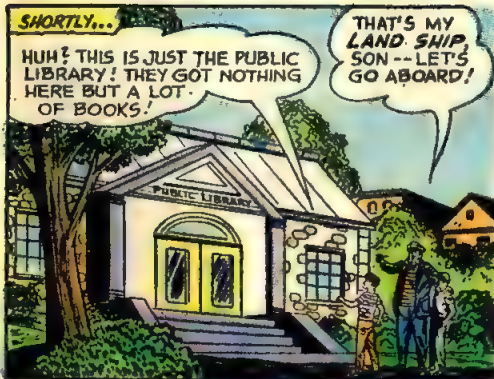
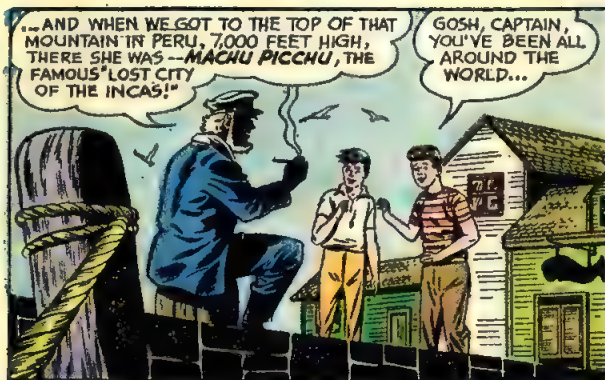
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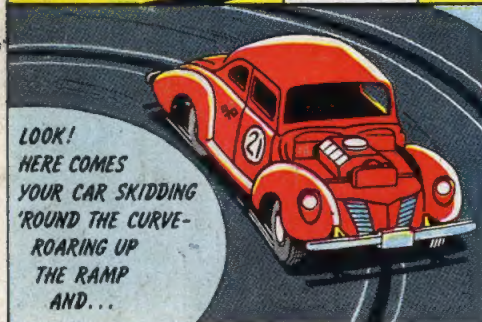
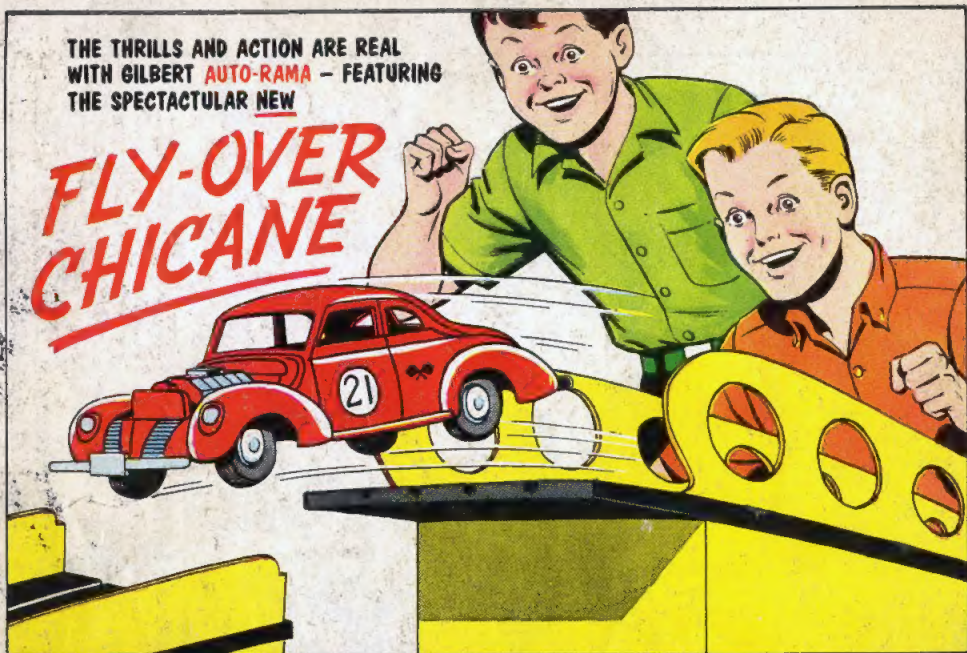
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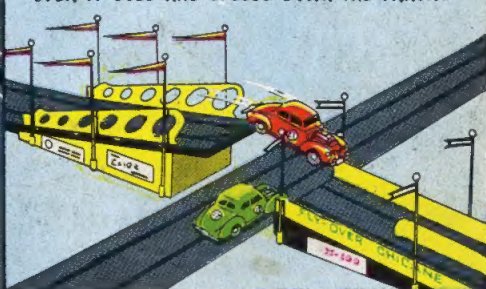
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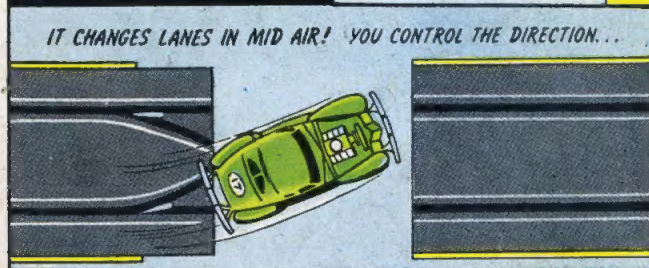
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